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What is the DAV?

- We are a non-profit veterans service organization
- **No cost to the Veteran.**

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Veterans

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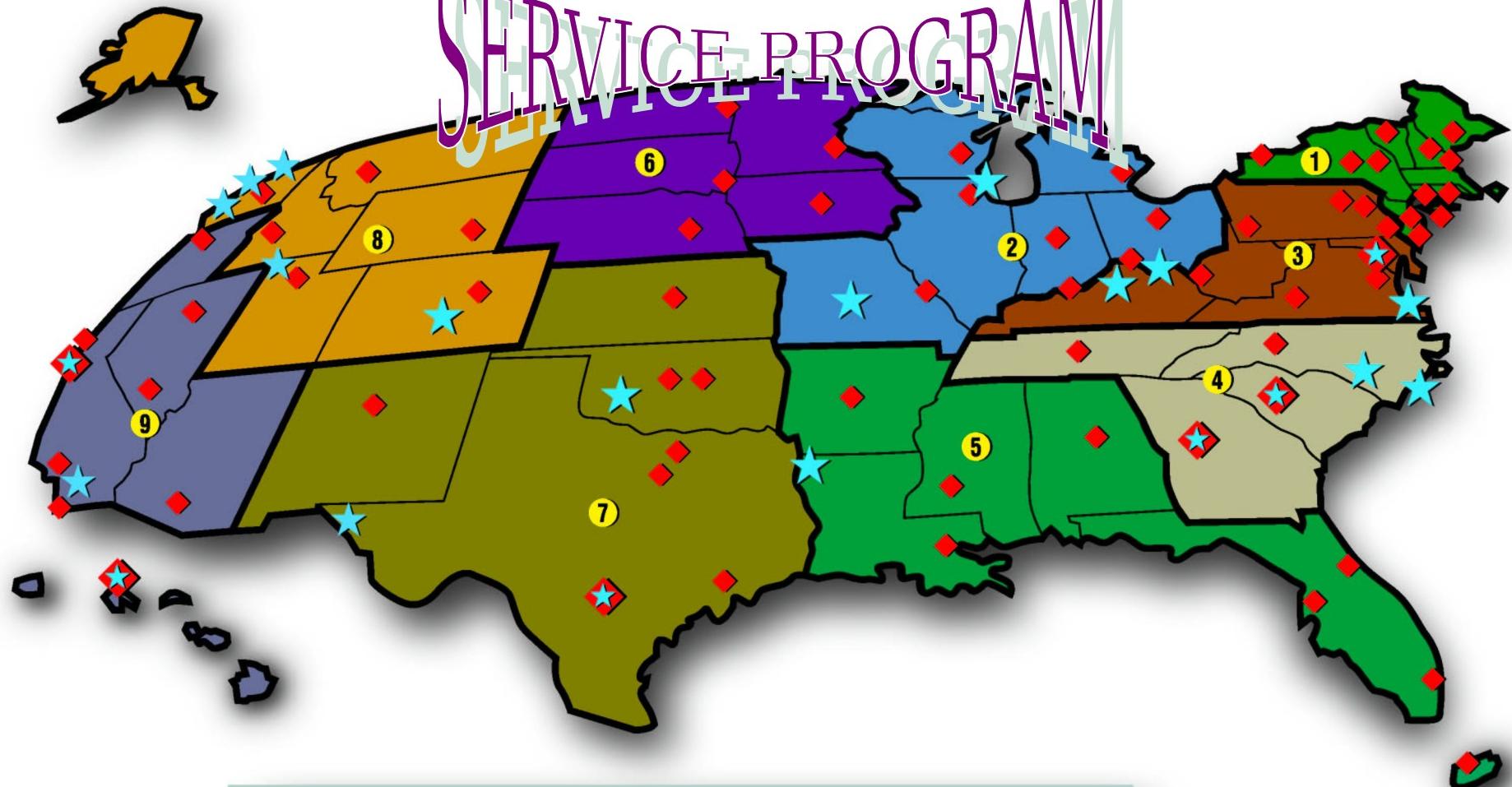
Veterans



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DAV ONLINE NEWSROOM

350+ TO ATTEND WINTER SPORTS CLINIC



More than 350 severely disabled veterans, including 50 veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, will attend the 20th National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic in Snowmass Village, Colorado April 2-7. The event is co-sponsored by Disabled American Veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs [more...](#)

VETERANS TURN TO CONGRESS FOR ADEQUATE BUDGET

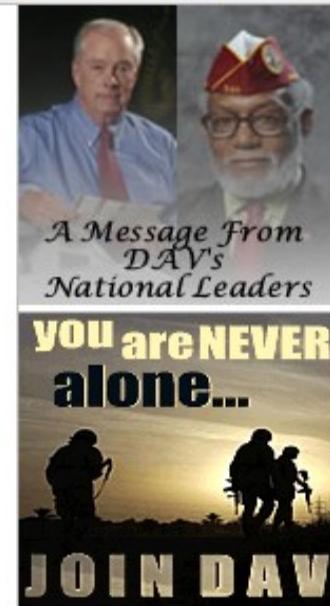


The Disabled American Veterans is urging Congress to fully fund veterans health care and provide the resources needed to ensure the accuracy and timeliness of the disability compensation system [more...](#)

VETS PANEL CHAIRMAN CONCEDES MORE TIME TO HEAR VETERANS



House Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Steve Buyer (R-Ind.), who recently unleashed a torrent of criticism from veterans organizations, has reversed his original decision and extended from three minutes to 10 minutes the amount of time those groups may have to present testimony centering on their legislative priorities [more...](#)



DAV Auxiliary

A close-up photograph of the stars and stripes of the American flag. A single military service medal with a colorful ribbon is resting on the blue field of stars.

Transition Service Program

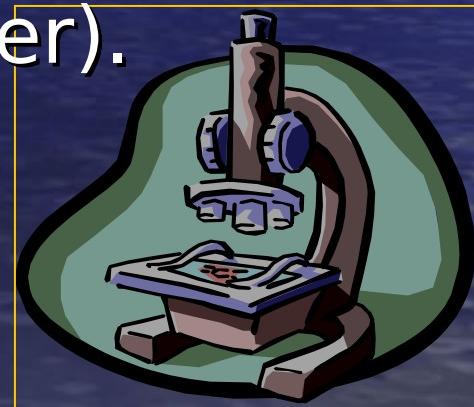
“THE FALLACY”

- Service-Connected Conditions {versus}
- Unfitting Conditions



What is service connected?

- Illness or injury, that is physical or mental, that leaves a residual impairment.
- Surgeries, broken or fractured bones, cuts/lacerations that leave a visible scar.
- Conditions that are chronic in nature, (i.e persist for 6 months or longer).
- Certain diseases and conditions



Examples of conditions that may warrant service connected benefits:

MUSCULOSKELETAL (fractures, arthritis)

SKIN (Psoriasis, Dermatitis, Basal Cell Carcinoma)

PSYCHIATRIC (Depression, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)

Other conditions affecting the following body systems:

CARDIOVASCULAR

RESPIRATORY

ENDOCRINE

(Thyroid Conditions, Diabetes Mellitis)

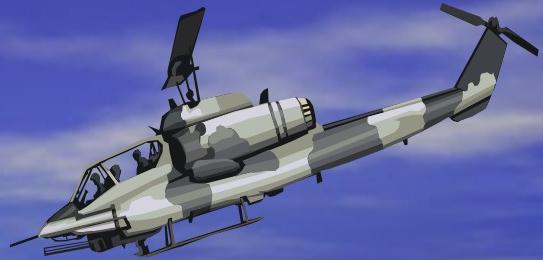
SPECIAL SENSES (Diseases of the eyes, ears, nose)

GULF WAR VETERAN

- Specific Service Dates: 8/2/90 - 9/30/2011
- Specific Duty Location: Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, The Gulf of Aden, Oman and Persian, The Arabian Sea and Red Sea
- Specific Disabilities and General Symptoms:
13 categories of signs or symptoms the may
be a
manifestation of an ‘undiagnosed’ illness or
chronic
multi-symptom illness.

Conditions that are usually NOT service connectable

- Conditions that YOU don't document
- Adjustment or personality disorders
- PPD converters, drug sensitivities, seasonal allergies
- Elective Surgeries such as vasectomies, tubal ligations and rhinoplasties
- Bumps, bruises, sprains, pains, shin splints
- Minor hearing loss, loss of visual acuity(minor eyesight loss)
- Routine Dental work



DAV Military Preseparation Briefing Program

Date: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Future or Permanent Address/Home of Record _____

Current Address (If future/permanent address unknown) _____

Entered Active Duty _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Male Female
(circle one)

Birth Date _____ / _____

Branch of Service _____

Campaign/Expedition Medals Awarded _____

Discharge Date _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Did you receive a Purple Heart? Yes Disability Discharge? Yes
Ex P.O.W.? Yes Military Retired? Yes

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Did the service member receive an injury or incur an illness while on active duty, not due to misconduct? Yes No
(circle one)

Nature of Disability _____

Name of NSO/DSO/TSO completing this form _____

NSO/DSO/TSO Membership Number _____

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